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SUBJECT: CODEL O'NEILL

REF: WARSAW 0928, STATE 35244

1. VICE MINISTER SPASOWSKI WAS UNABLE TO SEE ME FEBRUARY 17, SO I SAW HIM FEBRUARY 18 ON CODEL O'NEILL. SPASOWSKI SAID THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS DELIGHTED WITH THE PROSPECT OF THE VISIT. WHEN I INFORMED HIM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3 OF STATE 35244, THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WOULD WELCOME A VISIT BY A SEJM DELEGATION, HE SAID THAT THIS INFORMATION WOULD BE RECEIVED BY HIS GOVERNMENT WITH PARTICULAR GRATIFICATION.

2. SPASOWSKI SAID THERE WAS ONLY ONE PROBLEM. "TO SPEAK COMPLETELY OPENLY," HE SAID, APRIL 19 WAS EASTER MONDAY AND A PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN POLAND. HE WONDERED WHETHER THE CODEL COULD NOT DELAY ITS ARRIVAL BY A DAY OR TWO. HE HASTENED TO ADD THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES DID HIS GOVERNMENT WANT THE CODEL TO CURTAIL THE TIME ALLOTTED TO ITS VISIT TO POLAND, WHICH, HE SAID, WAS ALREADY TOO SHORT. "FOR THE SAKE OF DISCUSSION," HE SAID, HE WONDERED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE CODEL TO CHANGE THE DATES OF ITS VISIT TO BERLIN. IF THE CODEL COULD GO FROM ROME TO BERLIN ON APRIL 19, COULD COME TO POLAND ON APRIL 21, AND COULD LEAVE POLAND ON APRIL 24, THIS WOULD SOLVE THE PROBLEM. HE REPEATED WITH HEAVY EMPHASIS THAT, IN MAKING THIS PROPOSAL, THE POLISH GOVERNMENT WAS INSISTENT THAT IT NOT RESULT IN SHORTENING THE ALREADY TOO SHORT PERIOD OF TIME THE CODEL PLANNED TO SPEND IN POLAND.

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SPASOWSKI SAID THAT, IF THIS CHANGE WERE POSSIBLE, IT WOULD

BE PREFERABLE FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW, IF IT WERE NOT AT ALL POSSIBLE, THEN THE POLISH AUTHORITIES WOULD OF COURSE UNDERSTAND AND WOULD HAVE TO ADAPT THEMSELVES TO THE SITUATION.

3. SPASOWSKI SAID THAT, IF THE CODEL COULD MAKE THIS CHANGE AND COME TO POLAND ON APRIL 21, HE WOULD PROPOSE THAT THE CODEL'S PLANE COME DIRECTLY FROM EST BERLIN TO KRAKOW. IF IT COULD ARRIVE FAIRLY EARLY IN THE DAY, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE A PROGRAM IN KRAKOW WHICH WOULD INCLUDE VISITS TO THE AMERICAN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, TO THE MARKET SQUARE AND ST. MARY'S CHURCH (WHERE THE TRUMPETER OF KRAKOW SOUNDS THE HOUR), TO THE WAWEL, AND TO THE AMERICAN CONSULATE. HE WOULD PROPOSE THAT THE PARTY OVERNIGHT IN KRAKOW AND, EARLY ON APRIL 22, GO TO OSWIECIM (AUSCHWITZ). FOLLOWING THE VISIT TO OSWIECIM, THE PARTY WOULD GO DIRECTLY TO THE AIRPORT AND FLY TO WARSAW ABOUT MID-DAY. THE AFTER-NOON OF APRIL 22 WOULD BE OCCUPIED WITH SIGHTSEEING IN AND NEAR WARSAW AND WOULD BE FOLLOWED ON APRIL 23 BY OFFICIAL TALKS. THE GROUP WOULD LEAVE WARSAW THE FOLLOWING MORNING, APRIL 24, TO COMPLETE THE REST OF THE ITINERARY ACCORDING TO THE ORIGINAL SCHEDULE.

4. I SAID I ASSUMED THAT THE GROUP WOULD BE RECEIVED BY FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK, WHO, AS A DEPUTY TO THE SEJM, COULD WELL BE REGARDED AS PZPR MAJORITY LEADER AND, CONSEQUENTLY, CONGRESSMAN O'NEILL'S OPPOSITE NUMBER. SPASOWSKI AGREED WITH THE ANALOGY. WITHOUT COMMITTING HIMSELF, HE SAID THAT THE MINISTRY WOULD WORK ON THIS POSSIBILITY.

5. SPASOWSKI ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

(A) HE ASSUMED THAT, IN KRAKOW, THERE SHOULD BE ONE PROGRAM FOR THE ENTIRE PARTY, INCLUDING THE LADIES. HE ASKED ME TO CONFIRM THIS.

(B) HE ASSUMED THAT THE SIGHTSEEING IN WARSAW AND VICINITY ON THE AFTERNOON OF ARRIVAL (WHATEVER THE DATE MIGHT BE) SHOULD BE PLANNED FOR THE ENTIRE PARTY, INCLUDING THE LADIES. HE ASKED THAT THIS BE CONFIRMED. (ADDITIONALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THE MAJORITY LEADER AND/OR OTHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEMBERS OF THE CODEL WISH TO LAY WREATHS AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PLACES: THE NIKE MONUMENT, TO THE POLES OF THE HOMELAND ARMY WHO FELL IN THE WARSAW UPRISING OF 1944; THE GHETTO MONUMENT, TO THE JEWS WHO FELL IN THE GHETTO UPRISING OF 1943; THE BUST OF TADEUSZ KOSCIUSZKO IN THE KAZIMIERZOWSKI PALACE AT WARSAW UNIVERSITY. IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE BRIEF CEREMONIES AT EACH OF THESE PLACES, IN WHICH AS MANY MEMBERS OF THE CODEL AS WISH

MIGHT PARTICIPATE.)

(C) ON THE DAY OF THE OFFICIAL TALKS, SHOULD NOT A SEPARATE PROGRAM BE ARRANGED FOR THE LADIES? IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO THINK OF AN EXPEDITION TO CHOPIN'S BIRTH-PLACE, AN EASY HOUR'S DRIVE FROM WARSAW, AND A CONCERT THERE. ALTERNATIVELY, THERE COULD BE ADDITIONAL SIGHTSEEING IN WARSAW AND VICINITY, TOGETHER WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHOPPING.

(D) IF MEMBERS OF THE CODEL HAVE PARTICULAR INTERESTS OR DESIRES, IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE THESE REGISTERED EARLY, SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE, E.G., FOR FACTORY VISITS OR FOR SPECIALIZED SMALL MEETINGS IN MINISTRIES AND ENTERPRISES.

(E) MOST OF ALL, SPASOWSKI ASKED THAT, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WE GIVE HIM A LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION.

6. I SAID I WOULD ASK FOR ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS AND WOULD LET HIM KNOW AS SOON AS I RECEIVED THEM.
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